(c) Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute (CPPRI), Saharanpur, an autonomous body of Government has taken up the following projects with UNDP assistance :—

(i) Assistance to non-wood based pulp and paper industry :

(a) Study on refining of non-wood fibre pulp.

(b) Treatment of effluents.

(c) Solid waste production.

(d) Energy Conservation.

(e) Reduction of water consumption.

(ii) Chemical recovery plant for small pulp mills using non-woody raw materials.

DGTD have also taken up a study on "Energy Audit for Paper Industry" for fixation of norms for energy requirements for the manufacture of paper.

Export status to coir industries

1272. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the poor man's carpet—coir mattings/mesh mattings are in great demand abroad as geo-fabrics for their use in control of soil erosion land-slides etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sustain this tempo by according special export status to coir industry and increased incentives;

(c) whether Government are keen to have a feedback from the coir exporters about the constraints needed to be remedied; and

(d) whether Government would assess the effactiveness of Coir Board superintending export modalities vis-a-vis spontaneous and business-like decisions needed on a global market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Export of Coir and Coir products has been showing increasing trend in recent times. Export of Coir Geo-fabrics has started in any noticeable level only since 1990-01. Export of Coir Geo-fabrics from 1990-91 to 1992-93 (April-December, 1992) is given below :

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	68.93
1991-92	144.93
1992-93	73.14
(April-Dec., 1992.	

The demand for coir mesh/mattings as Geo-fabrics is for a variety of applications in soil treatment techniques including control of soil erosion and land slide.

(b) to (d) The Coir Board, which is a statutory body, has taken various measures to boost the export of Coir and Coir products in the International market. The Coir Board is collecting feed-back information on export of coir item including data on export of Coir Geo Textiles. The Board has conducted Seminars in U.S.A., Canada and United Kingdom for popularisation of Coir Geo Textiles.

उद्योगपतियों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल की भारत यात्रा

1273. **श्री सोम पाल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आर्थिक सुधारों की घोषणा के बाद से किन-किन देशों के उद्योगपतियों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल भारत आए हैं;

(ख) भारत में उद्योग स्थापित किए जाने के लिए कितने प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं;

(ग) इन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(घ) भारत में अब तक कितनी विदेशी पूंजी का निवेश किया गया है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय

(भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) आर्थिक सुधारों की घोषणा के बाद निम्नलिखित देशों के उद्योगपतियों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल भारत आए हैं :—बेल्जियम, सऊदी अरब, कतर, स्विट्जरलैंड, मौरीशस, नाइजीरिया, अमरीका, कनाडा, मैक्सिको, ताइवान, पूर्तगाल, कोरिया, श्रीलंका, बंगलादेश, वियतनाम, जापान, दक्षिण अफ्रीका, इथियोपिया, आस्ट्रिया, जर्मनी, रोमानिया, यू. के., यूगोस्लाव रिप. आफ बोसानिया एण्ड हर्जेगोविना, फ्रांस, स्पेन, हंगरी, इजराइल, रूस, इटली, स्वीडन, नीदरलैंड, आस्ट्रेलिया, चीन, सिंगापुर, न्यूजीलैंड, चैकोस्लोवाकिया, सैंट्रल एशियन रिपब्लिक, फिलीपीन्स, लक्जमबर्ग, आइवरी कोस्ट ।

(ख) से (घ) भारत सरकार ने अगस्त, 1991 से जनवरी, 1993 तक विदेशी कम्पनियों के साथ 2237 विदेशी सहयोग संबंधी मामलों का अनुमोदन किया है । इन अनुमोदनों में 929 ऐसे मामले शामिल हैं जिनमें 51.11 बिलियन रुपए की विदेशी इक्विटी की भागीदारी निहित है ।

Production of two-wheelers and four wheeler

1274. DR. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of two wheelers and four wheelers has declined during the April-September, 1992 vis-a-vis their production during April-September, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for decline in production; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to help the automobile Industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The production of two-wheelers and four wheelers except jeeps have declined during April-September, 1992 as compared to the corresponding period of 1991 as will be borne out by he producion figures for two-wheelers & four wheelers given below :

	Production (April—September)	
	1991—92	1992—93
1. Jeeps	13570	18838
2. Cars	90808	73933
3. Commercial Vehicles	70135	53736
4. Two-wheelers	878034	690889

(c) The fall in production can be attributed to decline in demand resulting from high credit costs, increase in prices due to increased input costs, reduction in rate of depreciation for customers on cars, enhancement of excise duty on two wheelers and tight credit availability.

(d) Government has since taken remedial action by relaxation of import compression measures, reduction of excise duty on cars lowering of floor level rate of interest etc.

Infrastructure of Indian Industry

1275. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's infrastructure sector is continuing to be well below the target during the first eight months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed (*see* below).